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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOC PURCHASE OF RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON MINISTRY OF INTERIOR VENIAMIN
FEBRUARY 5, QUESTION OF GOC PURCHASE OF RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT
FROM U.S. SOURCES WAS RAISED. VENIAMIN SAID THAT HIS MINISTRY
WISHED TO ACQUIRE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. RIOT MODEL SHOK BATONS (26")
SHOK BATON COMPANY, SAVAGE MINNESOTA 100 EACH

B. RIOT MODEL SHOK BATONS (16") 100 EACH

C. POLICE RIOT HELMETS (SIMILAR TO
NYPD OR DC POLICE) 100 EACH

D. CP RIOT SHELL TEAR GAS
CN SHORT RANGE 100 EACH

E. 1.5" CAL. CP LONG RANGE
CN TEAR GAS SHELL 100 EACH

F. 1.5" CAL. FEDERAL RIOT GAS GUN
FEDERAL LABORATORIES, INC.
PITTSBURG, PENNA. 25 EACH

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G. GAS GRENADES (CS AND CN) 200 EACH

(ITEMS D, E, AND F MAY BE OBSOLESCEMENT AND POSSIBLY NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION.)

2. TOTAL COST FOR ABOVE ITEMS IS APPROXIMATELY U.S. \$17,531 EXCLUDING SHIPMENT. VENIAMIN INITIATED THAT GOC WOULD BE PLEASED IF USG COULD MAKE AVAILABLE THESE ITEMS GRATIS. I MADE NO COMMITMENT WHATSOEVER BUT PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER OF AVAILABILITY IN U.S. AND SHIPMENT.

3. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN FACILITATING GOC'S ACQUISITION OF THIS RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE VENIAMIN IN HIS LAUDABLE EFFORT TO RESTORE SEMBLANCE OF DISCIPLINE AND PROFESSIONALISM TO CYPRUS POLICE FORCE, WHICH IN RECENT MONTHS HAS BEEN IN SHAMBLES. HOWEVER, I SEE NO REASON WHY USG SHOULD FOOT THE BILL FOR PURCHASE. I RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT MAKE AVAILABLE TO CYPRUS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BEST POSSIBLE ADVICE, PERHAPS FROM USAID PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OR SY, WITH REGARD TO GOC PURCHASE OF ABOVE-LISTED RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT. FURTHER, IF DEPARTMENT DEEMS FEASIBLE, USG MIGHT OFFER TO TRANSPORT VIA MILITARY AIRCRAFT SINCE PRESUMABLY TEAR GAS SHELLS COULD NOT BE SHIPPED BY COMMERCIAL AIR FREIGHT.

4. I HAVE PROMISED TO GET BACK TO VENIAMIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING WHAT USG MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DO TO EXPEDITE ACQUISITION OF THIS EQUIPMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.
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